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FSSAI Drafts New Approach for Implementing Food Standards

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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has posted a draft seeking comments by October 24, 2010, from stakeholders regarding the “**FSSAI's approach to Drawing up/ Revision of Food Standards**”. The FSSAI, through the proposed draft, intends to further develop new food standards under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The draft details the FSSAI’s approach to risk analysis, risk assessment, risk communication, and risk management. Finally, the subject draft lays out the process for obtaining registration and a Unique Acknowledgement Number, needed by all food operators.

General Information:

Introduction: On September 27, 2010, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), a statutory regulatory authority of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI), posted on its website the “**Draft for Consultation on FSSAI's approach to Drawing up/ Revision of Food Standards**” for comments by stakeholders. The final date for submission of comments is October 24, 2010, and should be addressed to:

Mr. Anil Mehta,
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For full text of the draft, please refer here

[Draft for Consultation on FSSAI's approach to Drawing up/ Revision of Food Standards](#)

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Details on the draft notification:

- **Publication Date:** September 27, 2010
- **Last date of receiving comments:** October 24, 2010
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified to the WTO (as of September 27, 2010).
- **Products/Affected:** All food products-raw or processed.

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standard Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI)

Post Comment:

In the proposed draft, the FSSAI has laid down the specific objectives of developing national food standards. The FSSAI has provided policy directions pertaining to risk analysis and has defined guiding principles to ensure consistency between different approaches to risk analysis. As the newly established central government food safety regulator, FSSAI, has also finalized the process by which it will set the new food standards. The proposed draft also lays out FSSAI's policy on open stakeholders' consultation, processing of applications of food operators for getting registered with FSSAI, and clearly does the functional separation of risk assessment and risk management.

